(b) and (c) The places where these schemes are to be implemented would be identified in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations.

Ongoing programmes of ASI in North Eastern Region

2503. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing programmes of ASI in the NER for excavation and maintenance, State-wise;

(b) whether a detailed proposal and plan of action for the archaeological sites in Assam was submitted by ASI Guwahati circle;

(c) if so, the details of the proposal and action taken and proposed to be taken;

(d) whether a proposal from the Directorate of Archaeology, Government of Assam for development of archaeological sites are pending for sanction; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay and by when these are likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The requisite information is given at Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The details are given at Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) and (e) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has received a proposal from the Directorate of Archaeology, Government of Assam, Guwahati for financial assistance of Rs. 10.92 lakhs for excavation and conservation of archaeological sites at Ambari, Distt. Kamrup and Paglatek, Distt. Goalpara in Assam.

ASI provides such assistance to recognized universities and research institutions for conducting excavations, but there is no provision for such assistance to the State Governments.

Statement-I

State-wise details of ongoing programmes of ASI in NER for excavation and maintenance

Sl. No.	Name of Site	Locality	District
	ASSAM		
1.	Karengghar (Talatalghar)	Jaysagar	Sivasagar
2.	Charaideo Maidam	Charaideo	Sivasagar
	TRIPURA		
3.	Ancient mound at Boxanagar	Boxanagar	West Tripura

Statement-II

Details of proposal and plan of action for the archaeological sites in Assam, submitted by the Guwahati Circle of the A.S.I. during the year 2001-2002

Sl. No.	Name of the Monument/ Sites	Locality	District	Action taken
1	Cachari Ruins at Khaspur	Khaspur	Cachar	Work completed
2	Construction of retaining wall at Dasabhuja Complex at Surjya Pahar	Surjya Pahar	Goalpara	Work completed
3	Display of ancient sculptures at newly constructed sculpture shed at Surjya Pahar	Surjya Pahar	Goalpara	Work completed

Sl. No.	Name of the Monument/ Sites	Locality	District	Action taken
4	Conservation of exposed brick structure of Surjya Temple complex	Surjya Pahar	Goalpara	Work completed
5	Construction of ancient remains of Surjya Pahar	Surjya Pahar	Goalpara	Work in progress
6	Construction of Monolitihic stones at Kasomari Pather	Kasomari Pather	Golaghat	Work completed
7	Restoration of north-east enclosure wall of Sivadol at Negheritting	Negheritting	Golaghat	Work completed
8	Restoration of ancient stair-case leading to Bhairavi shrine and platform in front of Ganesh Temple on Kamakhya hill	Kamakhya Hill	Kamrup	Work completed
9	Restoration of collapsed Mukha Mandapa of Vishnudol at Gaurisagar	Gaurisagar	Sivasagar	Work completed
10	Restoration of collapsed portion of Ahom Raja's Palace	Gaurisagar	Sivasagar	Work completed
11	Upgradation of Karengghar Palace	Joysagar	Sivasagar	Work in progress
12	Restoration of ancient enclosure wall around Maidam No. 2	Charaideo	Sivasagar	Work in progress
13	Conservation of excavated structure at Karengghar	Joysagar	Sivasagar	Work in progress
14	Provision of dwarf wall with railing at Ghanashyam House at Jaysagar	Joysagar	Sivasagar	Work completed
15	Stone retaining wall of Vishudol at Jaysagar	Joysagar	Sivasagar	Work in progress

Sl. No.	Name of the Monument/ Sites	Locality	District	Action taken
16	Restoration of ancient wall of Devidol at Gaurisagar	Gaurisagar	Sivasagar	Work completed
17	Restoration of ancient compound wall at Sivadol	Gaurisagar	Sivasagar	Work completed
18	Repairs of roof and laying of pathways at Rangghar pavilion at Joysagar	Joysagar	Sivasagar	Work in progress
19	Fencing at Sukreswar at Biswanath Ghat	Biswanath Ghat	Sonitpur	Work completed
20	Construction and fencing at Dhandi Temple at Kamadayal	Gohpur	Sonitpur	Work completed
21	Exposing of ancient structure at Singri hill	Singri	Sonitpur	Work completed

Opening of Sangeet Natak Akademy at Guwahati

2504. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Sangeet Natak Akademy is planning to open office at Guwahati for the North-East, if so since when;

(b) what would be the powers and functions of this set up; and

(c) whether any budgetary provision has been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Sangeet Natak Akademi has proposed the setting up of an activity Centre in the North-East in the 10th Plan period.

(b) The proposed Centre will implement Akademi's policies and programmes and coordinate activities pertaining to the region.

(c) A token provision has been made in the budget for 2002-03 pending formal approval of the proposal.